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**RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 23, 2007 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT IN U.S.  
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Sir:

This responds to the November 23, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application.

In the November 23, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 between: